COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF VRISCHIGAM 1103.

Wednesday the 29th of Vrischigam 1103. / 14th of December 1927.

The fourth meeting of the legislative session of 1103 commenced in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, on 29th Vrischigam 1103 corresponding to 14th December 1927, at 11·30 a. m. when the Diwan presided. Messrs. A. Eachara Menon, P. Kunju Muhamad Haji, Poulo Mampilli, P. Munda Vaidyan, S. F. Nunez, A. K. Thoma and C. Barton Wright were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Excise Inspector, P. V. Parasurama Ayyar.

71. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether aminadar P. V. Parasurama Ayyar, whose degradation was cancelled in the Notification of the Excise Department in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 11th Mithunam 1102 is the same individual who is appointed Excise Inspector and notified in the Gazette, dated 18th Mithunam 1102;

(b) what was the date of his appointment as Excise Inspector; what are his educational qualifications; were there any applicants for this vacancy; if so, who were they, and what are their qualifications;

(c) (1) why was he degraded;
(2) why was the degradation cancelled;

(d) will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the orders connected with the degradation and cancellation proceedings?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) 20th Mithunam 1102. He has passed (1) the School Final Examination, (2) The British Excise Test A Criminal Law (Higher grade) and (3) Test F Excise Manual (Higher grade).

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Other applicants.

i. Mr. S. Doraswami Ayyar, B. A., Sub Inspector of Police.

ii. K. Kelukutti Menon, clerk, Excise Superintendent's Office, has passed the Matriculation Examination and the Madras Excise Test (Higher grade).

iii. C. K. Venkiteswara Ayyar, Assistant Distillery Officer, Excise Test (Higher grade), Criminal Law (Higher grade).

iv. T. A. Parameswara Ayyar, B. A., clerk, Secretariat.

v. C. P. Karunakara Menon, B. A., Scout Organising Officer.

(c) (1) For neglect of duty in not recording cases of tapping without payment of tree-tax. (2) The Superintendent was favourably impressed with the activities of the aminadar in breaking up combination amongst the bidders of shops at the auction sales. The period of degradation was therefore cut short by a portion. The degradation was not wholly cancelled.

(d) Please see *Appendix I*.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know which portion remains uncancelled?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—It is given in the 2nd proceedings in the appendix. The degradation was to expire on 25th Mithunam 1102. But it was cancelled with effect from 1st Mithunam 1102. So the period previous to 1st Mithunam 1102 remains uncancelled.

Reversion of C. P. Govinda Menon.

72. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether C. P. Govinda Menon, Excise Inspector, was reverted to his former appointment; if so, why;

(b) how long was he Inspector;

(c) before reversion, was he given an opportunity of explanation of his conduct; if so, what was his explanation?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes, because of his flagrant disobedience of orders and breach of discipline and his illegal conduct in connection with the search of an A class tobacco shop and the breaking open of the licensee's table late in the night and in his absence.

(b) From 8th Medam 1096 to 20th Mithunam 1102.

(c) Yes; the explanation was a laborious and unsatisfactory one, and the chief point in it was that his irregularities might be considered as an error of discretion. The explanation is not, however, a matter of public concern, and nothing further can be said about it.

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APPENDIX I

(Vide Answer to Question No. 71.)

(1)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EXCISE REVENUE, COCHIN GOVERNMENT.

Read (1) Diary 10/02 of the Cochin and Cranganur Inspector for the week ending 7th Thulam 1102.

(2) Explanation dated 26th Thulam 1102 submitted by 1st grade aminadar No. 66, P. V. Parasurama Ayyar of the Mattancheri range for allowing illicit tapping in Kumbalanghi referred to in the diary read above.

Order dated 25th Dhanu 1102, C. No. 1946/1102.

On 6th Thulam 1102 the Cochin and Cranganur Inspector detected as many as 47 cocoanut trees found to have been illicitly tapped in Kumbalanghi and recorded 11 cases. The Mattancheri aminadar Parasurama Ayyar on being asked to show cause why he should not be dealt with for allowing such illicit tapping, says that he certified the T. Ts. for all these trees on 21st Kanni 1102 and that he recorded a case of illicit tapping for one of them alone on the next day as he thought that, by recording this one case, the parties concerned would pay the tree-tax forthwith. He further says that he did not record cases in respect of all the trees on account of extreme difficulties of the parties to raise money on account of economic depression and that if he had recorded cases in respect of all, the parties might be ruined.

The Superintendent cannot accept this explanation. Within two or three days from the date of detection by the Inspector the tree-tax in respect of all the trees had been paid. According to rules, no tree can be tapped before payment of tree-tax or marking. It is the duty of the aminadar to comply with the rules and to have taken action when he found the illicit tapping. The Superintendent is unable, therefore, to exculpate the aminadar, especially when it is seen that the same aminadar was degraded by one grade for 5 months for a similar omission in the end of 1099.

Aminadar Parasurama Ayyar will be degraded by one grade for a period of 6 months for his neglect of duty.

(Sd.)
Superintendent.

To

The Inspector, Cochin and Cranganur.
,, Aminadar No. 66, Parasurama Ayyar through Inspector.
,, Bill section.

(2)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EXCISE REVENUE, COCHIN GOVERNMENT.

Read again Proceedings of the Superintendent of Excise Revenue dated 25th Dhanu 1102, C. No. 1946/02, ordering the degradation of P. V. Parasurama Ayyar, aminadar No. 66.

Order dated 3rd Mithunam 1102, R. O. C. No. 3811/1102.

According to the existing order the degradation of P. V. Parasurama Ayyar will expire only on 25th Mithunam 1102. The Superintendent was favourably impressed with the activities of the aminadar in breaking up the combination amongst the bidders of the several kinds of shops at the recent auction sales and is therefore glad to limit the period of his degradation to the 1st of this month.

(Sd.)
Superintendent.

To

The Inspector, Cochin and Cranganur Taluks.
,, Talappalli Taluk.
The Bill section.

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